



### Biography

My name is Eldon Espling, Injury Prevention Education Specialist for the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians in Presque Isle, Maine, of which I am an enrolled member. My wife Cindy of 27 years and I, have two children Katie 24 and Andy 23 and a grandson, Trevor who is 2 ½.

In 1998 I began working with the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Environmental Health Department as a GPS/GIS mapping technician and Injury Prevention Assistant. In 2000 I accepted the full time position of Community Injury Prevention Education Specialist.

My work consists of administering the child safety seat program, distribution of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, conducting home safety inspections, creating injury awareness presentations, developing tribal injury prevention and workplace safety policies and maintaining an Epi Info 2000 Surveillance Program. Trainings I've attended include:

- Level I Introduction to Injury Prevention.
- Basic Course for Safety Officers.
- Institutional Environmental Health.
- Introduction to EPI Info 2000.
- Child Safety Seat Technician
- Battered Women Training
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Bicycle Safety Training for Teachers
- Conflict Resolution
- Preventing Youth Suicide
- Food Handlers Course

My interest in the National Tribal Steering Committee for Injury Prevention is that it offers the opportunity of promoting awareness and support for Injury Prevention activities in Native American communities, the development of Tribal Injury Prevention contacts, the challenge of exploring and exchanging ideas addressing injury prevention problems and the prospect of contributing to identifying much-needed funding and training opportunities for tribal injury prevention programs.